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SUBJ: TAX CONVENTION

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1. HO BENG HUAT OF MIN FINANCE INFORMED EMBOFF TODAY THAT ALTHOUGH NO CONFLICT APPARENT, HE COULD NOT CONFIRM DATES FOR PROPOSED TALKS UNTIL HE HAD CONTACTED OTHER GOS TEAM MEMBERS AND THIS WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE UNTIL AFTER CHINESE NEW YEAR HOLIDAY WHICH BEGINS FEB 10 AT MIDDAY AND ENDS FEB 13 MORNING. EMBASSY WILL CABLE FURTHER

FEEDBACK THURSDAY OR FRIDAY.

2. EMBASSY IS AWARE OF EXPLORATORY TALKS HELD 1972 AND SUBSEQUENT EFFORTS TO ARRANGE FOLLOWUP NEGOTIATIONS, THE REASONS THESE DID NOT OCCUR, ETC.; HOWEVER, WE WERE NOT AWARE THAT TREASURY WAS CORRESPONDING DIRECTLY WITH GOS MINISTRY OF FINANCE OFFICIALS AND NOT KEEPING US INFORMED. WE WOULD APPRECIATE TELEGRAPHIC SUMMARY OF SUBSTANCE OF THAT CORRESPONDENCE AND TREASURY'S CURRENT ASSESSMENT OF THE RESPECTIVE NEGOTIATING POSITIONS. HAS THERE BEEN A CHANGE IN THE POSITIONS WHICH TREASURY BELIEVES WILL LEAD TO FRUITFUL NEGOTIATIONS? HOW LONG DOES US TEAM PLAN FOR MAXIMUM STAY IN SINGAPORE?

PLEASE ADVISE.

3. WE CONSIDER IT INAPPROPRIATE FOR TREASURY TO COMMUNICATE WITH GOS ON THIS OR OTHER SUBJECTS WITHOUT GOING THROUGH EMBASSY AND HOPE THIS PRACTICE WILL CEASE. CRONK

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